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Pursuant to the Remand under 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 11, 2005, the reply to the REMAND is set forth below:

***Status of Claims***

The statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief is correct. Claims 64 and 65 which were unintentionally left out from the final rejection. However, such claims are identical with the rejected claims 72 and 73 and should have been rejected under the same rationale as applied to claims 72 and 73. The argument in the appeal

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brief in regarding to claim 73 is deemed to be persuasive. Thus, the rejection as applied to claims 65 and 73 has been dropped. Claims 65 and 73 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, the status claims is below:

Claims 36-55, 61-64 and 69-72 are rejected.

Claims 58-60, 65-68 and 73 are objected.

Claims 56 and 57 are allowable.

#### ***Prior Art of Record***

- (1) Research Disclosure 39916
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,810,392 to Gagnon
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 3,661,220 to Harris
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,906,393 to Mazur et al.

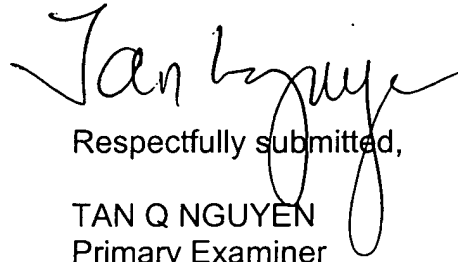
#### ***Grounds of Rejection***

In the previous Examiner' Answer, the paragraphs 11 and 12 were the typographical errors and should be deleted since the rejection applied to claims 58-60 and 66-68 has been dropped before the final rejection.

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